

VA Northern California Health Care System



VALOR Program Martinez, California

What is it?

VALOR is a paid internship program that enables pharmacy students to experience clinical and administrative leadership through participation in pharmacy projects and other activities. This is an honors program typically conducted throughout one summer for a total of 400 hours. It is structured and tailored to the student's interests while maintaining an administrative focus. The VALOR student will work under the direct supervision of the Chief of the Pharmacy Service. VA Northern California Health Care System (VANCHCS) will be hosting ONE VALOR student in 2014.

Martinez campus houses outpatient clinics, Pharmacy Call center, Community Living Center (CLC), pharmacoeconomics, investigational drugs, and pharmacy administrative offices. Opportunities are also available for experiences in our other campuses in the Bay Area or Sacramento.

Requirements

You must complete at least 2 years of pharmacy school and must be eligible to graduate in the following 2 years at the time you start the Program. Your cumulative pharmacy school GPA has to be 3.0 or better out of a possible 4.0. United States citizenship and physical examination are required. You will commit to complete 400 hours of work under the VALOR Program.

Benefits

The position is paid at 80% of the local GS-9, Step 1 salary rate. This is approximately \$20 per hour. There are no service pay back commitments.

How to apply

Please mail application packet to Pharmacy Service (119) attn: Julio Lopez. 150 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

- Application for Associated Health Occupations Appointments (VA 10-2850D) found at http://www.va.gov/vaforms/form_detail.asp?FormNo=2850D and Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306) found at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/Optional-forms/>
- Official Pharmacy School Transcript
- CV/resume
- Student's brief statement of career goals (maximum 1 page)
- Letter from the Dean to the Chief of Pharmacy to include
 - Nomination of the student
 - Verification of full-time student enrollment status
 - Statement of student's completion of second year of pharmacy education and anticipated graduation in next 2 years

Application deadline is March 14, 2014

For additional information:

Contact Julio Lopez, Pharm.D., Chief, Pharmacy Service at 925-372-2161 or julio.lopez@va.gov

